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1. SUMMARY: DURING A ONE-HOUR POLITICAL COOPERATION
MEETING ON THE MARGIN OF THEIR MARCH 7 EC COUNCIL MEETING,
THE EC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS REVIEWED THE CURRENT STATE
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OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.
DISCUSSION WAS LARGELY INFORMATIONAL, AND NO DECISIONS
WERE TAKEN. UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN IS EXPECTED TO
BRIEF SECRETARY VANCE MARCH 8 ON RHODESIAN ASPECTS OF
THE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

2. RHODESIA;

ACCORDING TO PERMREP SOURCES, THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE EC SHOULD NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF ENDORSING THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT BUT SHOULD, RATHER, SEEK TO IMPROVE IT. OWEN REFLECTED THIS LINE DURING HIS POST-MEETING PRESS CONFERENCE, TELLING REPORTERS THAT NONE OF THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD PRESSED HIM TO GIVE AN ENDORSEMENT TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GENERAL WISH FOR THE UK TO TRY TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE OPEN AMONG ALL PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. OWEN SAID A GREAT DEAL OF SKEPTICISM WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS REACHED IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT BUT THAT THE MINISTERS AGREED THE SETTLEMENT SHOULD NOT BE REJECTED; HE ADDED THAT THE MINISTERS FELT SOME ASPECTS OF THE SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE QUALIFIED AND OTHERS BUILT UPON. OWEN ALSO SAID THAT THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE HANDLING OF SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON RHODESIA. PERMREP SOURCES TELL US THAT, IN THE CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION ON RHODESIA, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD REPORTED THAT, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO LAGOS, NIGERIAN OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED TO HIM THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO A UK PERMREP SOURCE, OWEN ASSURED HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THERE ARE NO DIVERGENCES BETWEEN THE UK AND US POSITIONS ON RHODESIA. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT OWEN CONFIDENTIAL

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PLANS TO BRIEF SECRETARY VANCE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 8 ON THE NINE'S POLITICAL COOPERATION TALKS.

4. NAMIBIA:

ACCORDING TO PERMREP SOURCES, FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER REPORTED ON HIS RECENT AFRICAN TRIP, AND PARTICULARLY ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE IN TANZANIA. OUR SOURCES SAY GENSCHER ATTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS TO NYERERE:

(A) TANZANIA IS IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING THE FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA;

(B) SWAPO ALSO SUPPORTS THE INITIATIVE BUT BELIEVES THAT THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM CENTERS ON SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA;

(C) IF ARRANGEMENTS ON SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL ARE SATISFACTORY, SWAPO WOULD NOT PRESS ON OTHER POINTS, SUCH AS THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY;

(D) SWAPO DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION TO THE WALVIS BAY QUESTION WOULD BE NECESSARY IF THE WESTERN POWERS WERE TO DECLARE IT TO BE PART OF NAMIBIA, IN WHICH

CASE A SETTLEMENT COULD BE NEGOTIATED LATER.

5. HORN OF AFRICA:

ACCORDING TO PERMREP SOURCES, DE GUIRINGAUD MENTIONED THAT, AT NIGERIAN INSISTENCE, THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER HIS LAGOS VISIT INCLUDED A PHRASE OPPOSING THE INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN IDEOLOGY INTO AFRICA. DE GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT THIS LANGUAGE REFLECTED THE STRONG NIGERIAN OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET ROLE IN THE HORN AND TO MENGISTU'S ETHIOPIAN REGIME. OUR SOURCES SAY THAT THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN THE HORN AND AGREED THAT, ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY AND LOCALIZE, IT IS NOW A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT
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IN THE SITUATION. OWEN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT THE MINISTERS AGREED THERE SHOULD BE NO CROSSING OF THE SOMALIBORDER BY ETHIOPIAN TROOPS. HE EXPRESSED

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